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**Amendment No. 21 to HB7001****Jones U  
Signature of Sponsor****AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001\*****House Bill No. 7001**

by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section to SECTION 25:

**§ 3-6-2\_\_**

(a) An individual who is within the jurisdiction of the commission may file a sworn complaint against any member or employee of the commission alleging a violation of this chapter, including allegations of arbitrary and capricious actions of the commission against such individual. The complaint shall state with specificity such allegation. Such complaint shall be filed with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Each speaker shall, after determining that there are sufficient grounds for review, appoint three (3) members of their respective bodies to a special joint committee which shall investigate the complaint. The speakers' appointments are subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the appointee's house. If the general assembly is not in session when such appointments are made, the members shall serve on the special joint committee unless and until an appointment is rejected by resolution of the appointee's house within thirty (30) days after the general assembly convenes following such appointment, provided that no approval vote shall be necessary if the special joint committee has completed its investigation and made a final determination. Any action taken by a special joint committee prior to a vote of rejection made within such thirty (30) day period shall be deemed valid and binding. The special joint committee shall appoint a chair and other officers deemed necessary.

(b) If the special joint committee finds insufficient evidence to establish probable cause to believe a violation has occurred, it shall dismiss the complaint.

(c) If, upon completion of its preliminary investigation, the committee finds sufficient evidence to establish probable cause to believe a violation has occurred, the chair thereof shall transmit such findings to the governor who shall convene a meeting of

the governor, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives to take such final action on the complaint as they shall deem appropriate consistent with penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter, including recommendations for removing the member or members of the commission from office and declaring the office vacant.

(d) Upon request of a majority of the governor, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, the special joint committee shall submit a recommendation as to what penalty, if any should be imposed.